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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL SPANISH REACTION TO STATEMENTS MADE BY SOVIETS  
AT ILO REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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1. SPANISH MFA OFFICIAL IN EASTERN EUROPEAN DEPT RECENTLY TOLD EMB OFF THAT SPANISH MFA REACTED SHARPLY TO CRITICAL STATEMENT MADE BY SOVIET WORKER DELEGATE PIMENOV DURING JAN ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE GENEVA CONCERNING ALLEGED ABSENCE OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN SPANISH SYNDICATES. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, SPANISH MFA QUICKLY CONFERRED WITH SPANISH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA AND MOSCOW AND CONSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO REGISTER AN OFFICIAL PROTEST WITH SOVIET MFA MOSCOW AND SOVIET COMMERCIAL DELEGATION MADRID.

2. SPANISH EXPLAINED TO SOVIETS THAT THEY INTERPRETED STATEMENTS  
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MADE BY SOVIET WORKER DELEGATE AT ILO AS AN ATTEMPT BY SOVIETS TO  
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FERE WITH SPANISH INTERNAL LABOR POLICY. SOVIETS WERE TOLD THAT  
SPANISH

WOULD NOT ALLOW SUCH INTERFERENCE AND THAT EXISTING AGREEMENTS  
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WERE BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE.  
SOVIET MFA SUBSEQUENTLY MADE ATTEMPTS TO SMOOTH OVER MATTER AND  
INFORMABLAPOLOGIES WERE GIVEN IN MOSCOW, GENEVA, AND MADRID.

3. IN SPANISH MFA OFFICIAL'S OPINION, THERE APPEARED TO BE A  
LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ILO WORKER DELEGATION AND SOVIET  
MFA ON THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED SOVIET MFA OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW AND MADRID  
APPEARED BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY STATEMENTS MADE GENEVA.  
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